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a written form rather than into the common law form of being dispersed among a wide variety of judgments and lawsuits and legal opinions. It also tries to harmonize recent work by the Uniform State Law Commissioners in several areas, such as the prudent investor rule. About two years was spent in analyzing the Uniform Trust Code by John Gradwohl, Ron Volkmer, Tom Fitchett, Bill Lindsay, and a number of other renowned Nebraska experts in trust law. As a matter of fact, the Banking, Commerce, and Insurance Committee code (sic) heard from Professor Gradwohl, Professor Volkmer, Bill Lindsay, Tom Fitchett, Alan Wood, Robert Hallstrom for the Bankers Association, Larry Ruth from the National Conference or Commission (sic) on Uniform State Laws. So there were a number of the members of the LR 367 study group, as well as the bar, the bankers, and the Uniform State Law Commissioners in support of the bill, and it was reported out 7 to 0. The work of the task force was essentially to harmonize the UTC with two bodies of existing Nebraska law: one, our probate code; and two, our courts or civil procedure. The Uniform Trust Code accomplishes several things. One of the first things it does is to lay out explicitly a series of default rules. Default rules means that if you want to adopt a different idea, if you want to draft something different in your trust, you can do that. But if you are silent and if you don't establish your own language in your own trust, a default rule then steps in and says, if you haven't been explicit, here's what the rules are. The UTC and this reordering has accessed certain changes we've done recently in law, but it harmonizes it and puts it into the Trust Code. For example, we've passed the prudent investor rule in this state and we've had it for about five years now. This takes that rule, which was sort of freestanding, and puts it into the Uniform Trust Code. We've had a rule on the certification of trusts before, which we passed from the Uniform State Law Commissioners. We've put that into the Uniform Trust Code. The Uniform Trust Code recognizes noncharitable trusts and charitable trusts, honorary trusts for trusts that could be things, like, for animals. Some of those have not been allowed by public policy. The UTC authorizes them. We replace our existing statute on trustees' powers with an updated version of that, which is part of the Uniform Trust Code, and then these default rules include the rules for the creation, validity,